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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0462

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID ELTN JA LA UNDP SW CU  
SUBJECT: LPDR AND SRV PREFER WESTERN MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT

1. A SENIOR UNDP OFFICIAL IN VIENTIANE WHO EXPECTS TO  
OPEN UNDP OFFICES IN HANOI NEXT MONTH TOLD EMBOFF MARCH  
4 THAT ORIGINALLY THE UNDP HAD OFFERED AID TO THE SRV IN  
THE FORM OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WHICH IT HAD  
RECEIVED AS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES BUT  
HAD HAD DIFFICULTY UTILIZING. "WE THOUGHT THAT SINCE  
THE SRV AND THE SOVIETS WERE BROTHER COMMUNIST GOVERN-  
MENTS THE VIETNAMESE MIGHT TAKE OUR AID IN RUBLES TO BUY  
SOVIET TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT. NOTHING DOING\*  
THE VIETNAMESE TOLD US IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THEY  
PREFERRED US, JAPANESE AND OTHER WESTERN MANUFACTURED  
EQUIPMENT AND WANTED HARD CURRENCY."

2. JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN REPRESENTING HINO INC. VISITNG  
THE LPDR TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 7 THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT  
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PROVIDED FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO THE SRV TO PURCHASE ABOUT  
TWENTY HINO TRUCKS AND ANOTHER SIXTY OR SEVENTY HEAVY  
DUTY TRUCKS FROM A DIFFERENT JAPANESE COMPANY DURING THE  
1975-76 FISCAL YEAR.

3. HINO BUSINESSMAN ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT HIS COUNTRY  
HAD SOLD THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

TWENTY FIVE-TON HINO TRUCKS AND HOPED TO SELL ANOTHER  
300 TO SIDA AND THE JAPANESE AID AGENCY FOR THEM TO GIVE  
TO THE LPDR.  
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